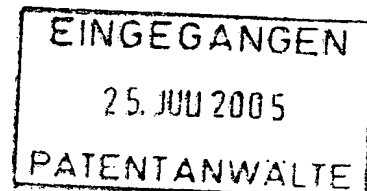


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Swedish Patent Application No 0400049-3 - DOLMAR GmbH

Dear Mr. Gerbaulet,

In the above application we have recently received an Official Action, which shall be responded to no later than **November 1, 2005**. ✓

The statement according to the Action reads in translation:

Opinion

Novelty	Claims	4, 10 – 20	yes
	Claims	1 – 3, 5 – 9	no
Inventive step	Claims		yes
	Claims	1 – 20	no
Industrial applicability	Claims	1 – 20	yes
	Claims		no

Cited documents

D1. WO,9917007, A1
D2. US, 6422338, B1
D3. US, 5857327, A

Argumentation

D1 refers to a muffler with catalytic converter, which in all details corresponds to the definition I claim 1 (see for instance abstract; page 8, lines 13 – 25; page 9, line 9 – page 10, line 21; Figs. 1, 3, 7, 8). The muffler defined in claim 1 thus is earlier known from D1 and it is therefore not patentable.

Also the contents of claims 2, 3 and 5 – 9 are earlier known from D1 and thus not patentable.

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In view of the contents of D1 – D3 the claimed invention according to claims 4 and 10 – 20 are considered to involve only such steps and measures which can be taken by the person skilled in the art, without performing any patent motivating work. Therefore claims 4 and claims 10 – 20 are not defining anything patentable.

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As none of references D1, D2 or D3 were mentioned in the report over prior art, which we earlier received from you, we enclose hereby copies of the three references.

We ask you kindly to send us instructions, and we should prefer having them during week 37 if possible.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:.. copy of Official action + references

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